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TED KOPPEL: Americans running a Libyan war.

EDWIN P. WILSON: Well, I don't really agree that it's wrong to work in Libya, that you necessarily have to be against the United States to work here.

DEAN FISCHER: We regard it as reprehensible and against the interest of peace and security in the region.

KOPPEL: There's a lot more to the story, and we'll be discussing it live with a British pilot who worked in Libya and now believes things have gone too far.

ANNOUNCER: This is ABC News Nightline. Reporting from our new bureau in Washington, Ted Koppel.

KOPPEL: Good evening.

This is a story about mercenaries, men who are working for the armed forces of another government strictly for pay, or so it would seem.

We are talking about Pakistanis and Britons, and Americans who are training, supplying, and flying support missions for the Libyan military.

What makes the story even more convoluted is that at least one of these mercenaries is a former officer of the Central Intelligence Agency. We will hear more about him in a moment. And a little later in this broadcast we'll be talking to a British pilot who was hired and then fired by him.